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**Mr. Richard C. Gibson, Director
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Open Records Decision No. 20

Dear Mr. Gibson:

The Austin American-Statesman requested two documents from your office under the Open Records Act: (1) a letter from Dr. Lorene Rogers (Vice-President of the University of Texas at Austin) on women faculty salary adjustments; and (2) the computer printout of faculty salaries for departments by rank and sex. The University declined to honor the request, and your office has asked that we render a decision pursuant to § 7 of the Act.

Section 6 (a)(2) of the Open Records Act makes "the names, sex, ethnicity, salaries, title and dates of employment of all employees and officers of governmental bodies" (presumptively) public information. See Attorney General Opinion H-118 (1973).

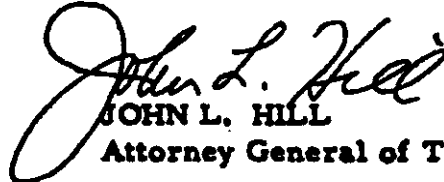
However, § 3(a)(11) excepts from disclosure "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than one in litigation with the agency."

The exception is applicable to the letter concerned here. The letter itself is not made a public record by the Open Records Act, but the factual information contained in it which does not reflect evaluations or conclusions should be disclosed.


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The computer printout requested is made disclosable by the Act, but any inter-agency or intra-agency communication in the form of notations or marks thereon which concern evaluations or conclusions may be excised or eradicated before it is offered for inspection.

Very truly yours,


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